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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

We are coming to the Lord,
Great petitions to Him bring,
For His grace and mercy are such
That we can never ask too much.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we believe that in this time of prayer, our hearts will wing their way to Your generous heart and we will receive what we need from You, the very power that sways the universe. We pray not to get Your attention but because You already have gotten our attention. We do not seek to convince You to listen to our petitions because You have blessed and will bless the Senate through our prayers. We know You desire to provide the unity and oneness of purpose we need. Long before we ask for Your wisdom and guidance, You have motivated the request in us. Thank You for Your prevenient grace, offered even before we ask and provided way beyond our deserving. Out of Your immense desire to bless America, imbue the minds of the Senators with Your vision for what is best for our beloved Nation. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, we are going to renew consideration of the farm bill this morning. Senator CONRAD is here and is going to offer an amendment. There are other amendments that will be offered today. Senator SANTORUM should be here shortly. Senator FEINSTEIN will be here to offer an amendment. We hope others who are on the finite list of amendments will come over to offer their amendments. It is the intention of the two leaders that this legislation be completed no later than Tuesday night. That could be a long night or a short night, according to what the wishes of Senators are. Senator DASCHLE has made a commitment that we are going to go to the energy bill next week. We are very close to seeing the end of this legislation. I know Senator HARKIN and Senator LUGAR would very much like to complete this legislation. The two leaders want it completed. I am confident it will be completed. There will be no rollcall votes today. The next

rollcall vote will occur Monday at approximately a quarter to 6 in the evening.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND RURAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1731, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute.

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 377—107th Congress, 1st session) by which the second motion to invoke cloture on Daschle (for Harkin) amendment No. 2471 (listed above) was not agreed to.

Crapo/Craig amendment No. 2533 (to amendment No. 2471), to strike the water conservation program.

Craig amendment No. 2835 (to amendment No. 2471), to provide for a study of a proposal to prohibit certain packers from owning, feeding, or controlling livestock.

AMENDMENT NO. 2836

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I send an amendment to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the pending amendments will be set aside. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], for himself and Mr. CRAPO, proposes an amendment numbered 2836.

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